

St. Charles Episcopal Church

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist - Rite II



Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 26, 2025

Welcome! We are pleased you are joining us today. Please share this service with your family, friends, and neighbors. Thank you, and God bless you for your faithfulness.

Voluntary

Assurance

arr. John Ness Beck

The People stand as they are able when the bell rings.

THE WORD OF GOD

Gathering Hymn

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Ellacombe



1. Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great
 2. He comes with suc - cor speed - y to
 3. He shall come down like show - ers up -
 4. To him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and

Da - vid's great - er Son! Hail in the time ap -
 those who suf - fer wrong; to help the poor and
 on the fruit - ful earth; love, joy, and hope, like
 dai - ly vows as - cend; his king - dom still in -

point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun! He
 need - y, and bid the weak be strong; to
 flow - ers, spring in his path to birth. Be
 creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end. The

comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive
 give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to
 fore him on the moun - tains, shall peace, the her - ald,
 tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re -

free; light, go, move; to whose and his take souls, right - his name a - way con - demned shall trans - gres - dy - sion, and ing, are foun - tains, from ev - er; that rule pre - hill name in - cious to to eq - ui - val - us in - his - ley is ty. sight. flow. love.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Gloria S280

Glory to God

Robert Powell

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly

King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

The people sit.

First Reading

Joel 2:23-32

O children of Zion, be glad
and rejoice in the LORD your God;
for he has given the early rain for your vindication,
he has poured down for you abundant rain,
the early and the later rain, as before.

The threshing floors shall be full of grain,
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

I will repay you for the years
that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
my great army, which I sent against you.

You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
and praise the name of the LORD your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you.

And my people shall never again be put to shame.

You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other.

And my people shall never again
be put to shame.

Then afterward

I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions.

Even on the male and female slaves,
in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and
columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to
blood, before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes. Then
everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved; for in
Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as
the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom
the LORD calls.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 65:1-8 You Crown the Year with Your Goodness Robert Hawthorne

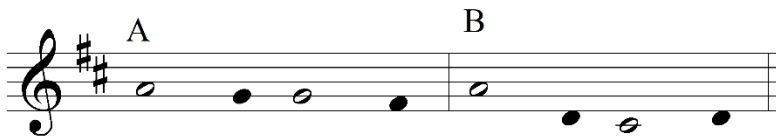
The choir intones the antiphon; all repeat. Everyone then chants the psalm.



You crown the year with your good - ness, and your paths o - ver flow with



plen - ty.



- A 1 You are to be praised...O God in [Zion];*
to you shall vows be performed in Je-[rusalem].
- B 2 To you that hear prayer shall all flesh [come],*
because of their trans-[gressions].
- A 3 Our sins are stronger than [we] are.*
but you will blot them [out].
- B 4 Happy are they whom you choose to draw to your courts to [dwell] there!*
they will be satisfied by the holiness of your [tem]-ple. *Antiphon*
- A 5 Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness...
O God of our sal-[va]-tion,*
O Hope of all the ends of the [earth].
- B 6 You make fast the mountains by your [power]:*
they are girded about with [might].
- A 7 You still the roaring of the [seas],*
the roaring of the waves.... and the clamor of the [peo]-ples.
- B 8 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your [marvelous] signs:*
you make the dawn and dusk to sing for [joy]. *Antiphon*

Second Reading

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The people stand as they are able.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia for a Faith-Filled Community

Denis Bédard (b. 1950)

The choir will intone; all repeat.





Gospel

Luke 18:9-14

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people sit.

Sermon

The Rev. Laura Gottardi-Littell

A period of silence will be kept after the sermon.

Nicene Creed *(The people stand as they are able)*

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the
Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the
Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People (Form VI) *The Leader and People pray responsively*

Intercessor: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Intercessor: For all people in their daily life and work;

**All: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those
who are alone.**

Intercessor: For this community, the nation, and the world;

All: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Intercessor: For the just and proper use of your creation;

**All: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and
oppression.**

Intercessor: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**All: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and
the needy.**

Intercessor: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**All: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the
Truth.**

Intercessor: For Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop, Paula Clark, our Bishop,
and for all bishops and other ministers;

All: For all who serve God in his Church.

Intercessor: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

(names read by the Intercessor)

The People may add their own petitions

Intercessor: Hear us, Lord;

All: For your mercy is great.

Intercessor: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

Intercessor: We will exalt you, O God our King;

All: And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Intercessor: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in
your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Intercessor: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

All: Who put their trust in you.

Intercessor: We pray for our Search Committee and our parish as we seek a new rector, that we may be guided by the Holy Spirit.

All: Lord, hear our Prayer

Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Confession of Sin

Enriching Our Worship 1, pg. 56

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins to God.

All: God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore and strengthen us, through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

All: Amen.

Peace *(All stand as they are able.)*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem *(sung by the choir)*

If God is Building When We Build

John Barnard (b. 1948)

If God is building when we build, the house we raise will stand;
if God designs when we design, his skill is in our hand.

If God is working when we work, to make the things we make;
He gives approval and success to labor for his sake.

If God is speaking when we speak, our words become His word,
and in the speech of everyday, eternal things are heard.

If God is building when we build, we call each work our own,
though not for us to praise ourselves our praise is God alone!

Amen.

The people stand as they are able.

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer 2 - Enriching Our Worship*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

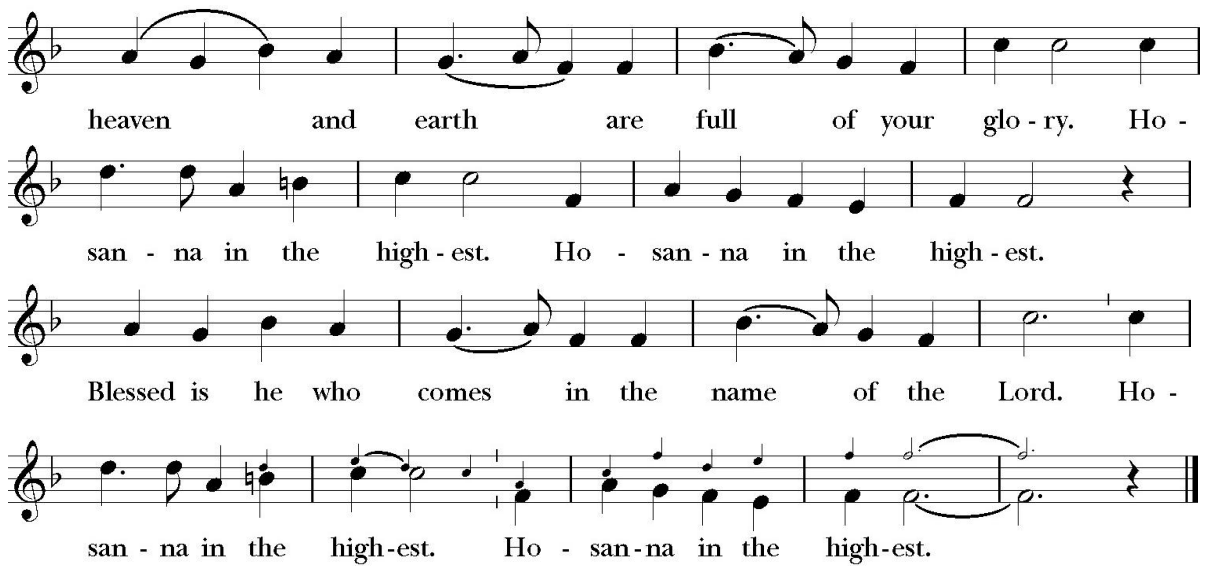
Holy, Holy S125

A Community Mass

Richard Proulx (1937-2010)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



Celebrant: Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

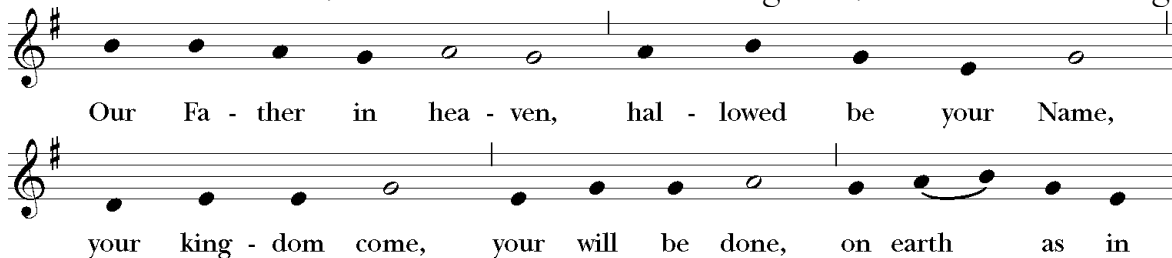
Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing:



Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in

The musical notation consists of two staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the Gloria Patri, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.

For - give us our sins as we for - give those who

sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,

and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er,

and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

Breaking of the Bread

The priest breaks the consecrated Bread. Silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

This is the Body of Christ

John Bell (b. 1958)

This is the Bod-y of Christ, bro-ken that we may be

whole; this cup, as prom-ised by God, true to his word,

cra-dles our Lord: food for the good of the soul.

Communion

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Gluten-free wafers are available as well as grape juice; please make your need known to the minister. If you wish to receive a blessing rather than communion, please indicate by crossing your arms when you approach the Celebrant. Individual healing prayer is available for those who wish to participate.

Communion Hymn

Taste and See

James Moore

Taste and see, taste and see the good - ness of the

Lord. O taste and see, taste and see the

good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen

Blessing

Celebrant: God's blessing be with you, Christ's peace be with you, the Spirit's outpouring be with you, now and always.

All: Amen.

Sending Forth Hymn 432

Laudate Dominum

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Prelude in F

J.S. Bach



*Today we welcome Rev. Laura Gottardi-Littell as our Celebrant.
Mother Laura, thank you for worshipping with us today.*

*We also welcome and thank Fred Locker
for sharing his music with us.*

*The beautiful altar flowers are given to the Glory of God,
by Sue Riffer in memory of Rick Riffer,
and in thanksgiving for the continued dedication and support to this parish
by SCEC parishioners and staff*



Upcoming Events:

- ❖ Sunday, October 26 – 4:00 p.m. Free Spaghetti Dinner, Ludtke Hall
- ❖ Monday, November 10 – 11:30 a.m. Ladies Lunch at Nosh in Geneva, RSVP to Carole Woods

See *The Pulse* for details on our events. Not receiving *The Pulse* weekly emails?

Please contact our office to be added to our weekly email list:

parishadmin@stcharlesepiscopal.org or 630-584-2596

Parish Office Hours: M-Th, 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Grateful to God for our church home

Stewardship 2026



Stewardship Testimonial

I came to St. Charles Episcopal Church around 16 years ago, seeking a new church home to start fresh. A warm invitation to join choir had me hooked – I am still there, singing, playing hand bells, violin, and turning pages for Mark, our organist. I had visited previously and got chills as I sat in my pew – good chills – I knew, and know I made the right choice. I pledged what I could at that time and continue to do so. I watched and participated in the many ways our church serves the community: Spaghetti Dinner, Lazarus House, Hesed House, Carroll Towers. I have volunteered in Spaghetti Dinner, served and given my time and talent in Vestry (not so scary), Altar Guild (still there), Daughters of the King (go sisters!), EFM (a work in progress), Fundraising Committee (we don't chase after you, really!), Lector, Intercessor, Worship Committee (boy we had some l-o-n-g meetings!), Building/Grounds Committee, and Newcomers Committee.

As you consider pledging this year, may you give as you can financially, but know that your time and talent are just as valuable to our church community. Pledging is my way of saying “Thank You” for our church home. May it be so for you.

~ Regan Jancauskas



HE HAS
GIVEN YOU
THE AUTUMN
RAINS BECAUSE
HE IS FAITHFUL.

JOEL 2:23, NIV



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